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DATE: November 6, 1962
TO: The Vice President
FROM: Colonel Burris
RE: Cuban Situation - 10:00 a.m.

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Yesterday afternoon the President sent a message to Stevenson and McCloy outlining the points brought up in yesterday morning's NSC meeting. The most controversial of those points appears to be the removal of the IL-28's from Cuba.

Communist Bloc propaganda carries the central theme that U.S. aggression continues to exist and cites as evidence the continuation of the quarantine and reconnaissance, and the failure to honor the no invasion pledge. The Soviet Union is given credit for great moral and political victory when it compelled the United States to declare that it would not invade Cuba. This declaration served as the basis for Soviet withdrawal of the missiles.

Yesterday's reconnaissance reflects continuation of the withdrawal of missiles. Nine missile transporters appeared on the decks of Soviet ships in a harbor. Although ships specifically modified to transport the oversized missiles are apparently enroute to Cuba, the Soviets seem to have decided not

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to wait for them. There is no evidence that preparations are being made for withdrawal of the IL-28's. The encounter between reconnaissance aircraft and MIG fighters has not yet been fully explained. Although an actual engagement did not occur, it is possible that preparations are being made for interception of reconnaissance aircraft.

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